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**Please place this bulletin at the beginning of section FS 201-1.**

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**SECTION:** Household Composition

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**REFERENCES:** 7 CFR 273.1

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**INTRODUCTION:** Prior to April 1, 2008 the General Rule for FS 201-9 Dual Participation Commodities/Food Stamp Program stated if any required household member was certified for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) no household members could receive food stamps until participation in FDPIR was terminated. Effective April 1, 2008 the General Rule was changed to an individual cannot participate in the Food Stamp Program in any month when he/she has received benefits in another state or commodities from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

**POLICY CHANGE:** FS 201-1 Page 2 under **INELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS** remove number 1 and under **EXCLUDED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS** Page 4 add the following:

9. Individuals who have received benefits in another state or commodities from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Please contact your Regional Policy Specialist if you have questions or concerns about this policy.